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prompt reporting to the local authorities of all cases of sudden death from acute diseases, also the finding of dead rats, is required. Importation from China of rags, old cotton, paper, feathers, furs, clothing, and similar articles is prohibited. Destruction of rats at localities along the Yalu River and at ports of call for Chinese junks is ordered.

MADEIRA ISLANDS.

Status of Cholera.

Chargé d'Affaires ad Interim Lorillard, at Lisbon, Portugal, reported, February 6, to the Department of State:

According to official information received from the foreign office, there were reported in the Madeira Islands, from January 15 to 31, 76 cases of cholera with 21 deaths, distributed as follows:

Funchal—7 cases, 2 deaths; Camara de Lobos—9 cases, 5 deaths; Ponta do Sol—8 cases, 4 deaths; Santa Cruz—6 cases; Porto Santo Island—1 death; Machico—46 cases, 9 deaths. During the period from January 1 to 15 there were reported 251 cases with 77 deaths.

PERU.

Quarantine at Peruvian Ports Against Arrivals from Guayaquil.

Consul General Dietrich, at Guayaquil, forwarded, January 12, the following notice issued December 29, 1910, by the director of public health of Peru:

Experience has demonstrated the possibility that passengers from Panama who do not land in Guayaquil, but remain on board the ship during its stay in said port, may contract yellow fever. It being necessary to avoid that danger, particularly during the present summer season, and it being possible, moreover, for passengers from Panama for Peru to come direct in the steamers which do not directly touch at Guayaquil, this office, with the consent of the minister of the department, has given instructions that passengers from Panama who come in ships that touch at Guayaquil shall not be permitted to disembark in Peruvian ports to the north of Callao, and at Callao they will only be permitted to disembark after 6 days of observation from the time of the departure of the ship from Guayaquil.

It has also been ordered that the berths and saloons of the ships be fumigated on leaving Guayaquil, under the direction of the sanitary inspector of the ship.

RUSSIA.

Status of Cholera.

Minister Rockhill, at St. Petersburg, reported February 6 to the Department of State:

During the week ended January 14 there were officially reported 4 cases of cholera with 1 death in the Government of Ekaterinaslav.

TURKEY.

SMYRNA—Status of Cholera.

Consul General Harris reported, February 1:

During the month of January, 1911, there were reported in the city of Smyrna 322 cases of cholera with 194 deaths.